

International Programs To Combat Trafficking in Persons

The Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons' International Programs section administers a foreign assistance grant program that focuses on implementing the "3P" paradigm of prevention, protection, and prosecution to eradicate all forms of human trafficking, as outlined in the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) and the United Nations' Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children.

This year, the Office will award approximately \$22 million in federal monies to combat trafficking. Currently, there are 178 projects in 65 countries totaling \$54 million. Partnering with civil society and multilateral organizations, the Office funds anti-trafficking programmatic efforts to address issues or deficiencies identified in the annual Trafficking in Persons (TIP) Report.

The Office's foreign assistance and programming is strategically targeted in countries that are ranked in the TIP Report on Tier 3 and Tier 2 Watch List as well as selected Tier 2 countries. In addition to tier rankings, when making funding decisions, the Office also considers a country's financial resources and need for technical support in human trafficking issues, political will to address trafficking in persons, and other funding that may be already used to address trafficking in the country.

Human trafficking is, at its essence, all the activities involved in obtaining or maintaining a person in compelled service. The International Programs section seeks to fund programs that reflect this view.

Region	Current Grant Amounts	Total Number of Grants	Number of Countries
AF	\$10,411,725	30	17
EAP	\$11,733,805	39	14
EUR	\$3,162,600	10	5
NEA	\$4,758,050	15	7
SCA	\$9,407,858	29	7
WHA	\$11,131,710	43	15
GLOBAL	\$3,461,763	12	·
TOTALS	\$54,107,511	178	65

Competition for Funding

Grant applications are solicited once each year and projects are selected in an open and fair competition. The annual solicitation describes assistance priorities and how interested organizations may apply for funding, which is posted on www.grants.gov and www.grantsolutions.gov. The deadline for submitting applications for 2010 funding has already passed.

Competition for anti-trafficking funds through the Office is rigorous. This year's programs will be selected from the 531 applications submitted by 323 organizations requesting a total of \$288 million. Many applications (12 percent) were eliminated because they did not meet the technical review requirements. The remaining applications were evaluated by interagency review panels and approximately 60 applications are still under consideration for funding. Final decisions on grants are expected in July and will be awarded by September 30, 2010.

The next solicitation for applications will be posted on www.grants.gov and www.grantsolutions.gov after October 1, 2010.

Fiscal Year	Proposals Submitted to G/TIP	Organizations Applying for Funds	Amount Requested	Amount Available
2009	372	236	\$146 million	\$23.6 million
2010	531	323	\$288 million	\$22.9 million

For more information, please log on to the website of the State Department's Office to Monitorand Combat Trafficking in Persons at www.state.gov/g/tip.